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Greg and Daniel,

Please find Pennsylvania's suggested edits in the attached. Specifically, we have a couple concerns:

- BMP Verification pages 14 and 33: this report focuses on the sole responsibility for states to implement the verification protocols as approved, but does not address the challenges to meet the verification requirements that we have all been identifying over the last several months. There is a need for balanced language or at the very least a note under the listed challenges section, based on conversations with multiple workgroups, the Water Quality GIT and at the PSC level. In addition there is language in the EPA Evaluation of the Phase 3 WIP relative to the difficulties of implementing these verification protocols given the level of implementation needed to achieve the 2025 goals. Verification is a Partnership responsibility, not just a state jurisdiction responsibility.
- Section IV Conclusion pages 33-34: We believe some critical recommendations are missing that will be essential to success in meeting goals. Some suggested language has been added to identify these recommendations.
- Toxics page 26: Some reference as to where the 83% of toxic impaired waters number comes from is needed. We haven't been able to get an answer as to how this number is calculated, nor do we believe it is completely accurate. This reference create unnecessary alarm without more detail of how this is being defined and where the number came from.

If you have any questions or concerns with the edits or comments we are making, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Kristen Wolf.

Thank you for the opportunity to review.

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I will have our comments to you on Monday if that is okay.

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Dear Management Board Members,

The latest draft of the **2018 Report to Congress** is attached for your review and comments. Substantial changes have been made to the document since you last reviewed it in May—enough to merit a second review by the Management Board.

You will notice that this draft includes only narrative text since we are focusing only on content accuracy at this point. Graphics and other design elements will be added later. For efficiency and to minimize editorial fussiness, most language in the Report was previously published in other partnership documents.

Partner comments on the document are due by July 26, 2019. After that date, we will make revisions and advance it to the next stage of review. Please send all comments and edits to Danny Giddings (Giddings.daniel@epa.gov) or me by COB, July 26.

Note that the Report is draft and internal until approved by OMB and sent to Congress. **Please do not share it.**

As you'll recall, Section 117(h) of the Clean Water Act requires the EPA Administrator, in coordination with the Chesapeake Executive Council, to submit a Report to Congress every five years. The last report was published in 2013. The Report is required to include: an update on the recommendations from the *2013 Report to Congress*; the current state of the ecosystem; a description of the improved management of the Chesapeake Bay Program; and an assessment of the partnership's sustainability that ensures continued progress.

If you have any questions, please contact me or Danny Giddings (by email or 410-267-5762). Thanks for your review.

Regards,

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